

Next WNA meeting: Monday, Nov 8, 7:00pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church cafeteria, 1500 W. Anderson (Burrell Drive entrance)
Electric and gas company reps will talk about energy savings and rebates

Six acres in Wooten: A work PARTY

Save an hour or two or more on the morning of October 23rd.

There is an opportunity to help make Wooten Park better on Saturday, October 23rd beginning at 8:00 am. The last work day was in the heat of August, but the sodded berm from that work day is redirecting rain and doing its job.

Come to the Wooten Park work party

Saturday, October 23, 8:00am – noon

This work day in the cool of autumn will also invite the Wooten parents with a flyer that went home the week of October 11. It is my hope that Wooten residents will join with all the volunteers in the park.

We will build the raised beds of limestone blocks and work on a retaining wall. We will be planting trees, shrubs and plants that Redeemer has tended for more than a year. And we will work on the granite path.

So other than eager bodies ready to work, you can bring shovels and rakes for the planting and beds and gloves for all work. Someone with a gas-powered weedwhacker and safety glasses could help with the grass that is encroaching on the path. Because the headline to this has the word

PARTY in it, we should celebrate the progress that is happening. I will bake a couple batches of cookies and maybe other food will be your contribution to this work PARTY.

You can follow the project's progress on the Facebook group "Wooten Elementary Nature Play Garden."

As a final note on the park, I would like to thank my neighbors: Bill, Chad, Chuck and Opie for helping me in August to spread a three inch thick layer of mulch on the trees that were planted several years ago along Wooten Drive to help them make it through the end of summer. I also heard that an unnamed woman last year would pull a wagon with water in it to help those trees make it through the near-historical drought of 2009, and I want to thank her, too. —Joy Roberts



What is Wooten Neighborhood Association?

What do houses in Sunset View, North Plains, Dixie Terrace, Wooten Terrace, Lanier Terrace, Allendale North and Wooten Park have in common? If they are located within the right triangle defined by Anderson Lane, Burnet Road and 183 they are all within the boundaries for the Wooten Neighborhood Association.

As the city works to develop a new updated Comprehensive Plan with meetings in stages throughout the city for ease of citizen input, why should Wooten residents be involved in their neighborhood? The only places where no change seems to occur are either sections of towns that are designated historical or where the growth rate is stagnant. This is not the scenario for Austin's future.

In the recent election for officers we had about 50 paid members from our neighborhood eligible to vote and represent everyone in Wooten. Our Yahoo group has 160 members, but not all are residents of Wooten. The Facebook group has 66 members. So most residents of Wooten are not represented. Even this newsletter goes to only 1000 houses each quarter, which does not include everyone who lives in Wooten.

I have lived in the Wooten neighborhood for three years now and know that I certainly do not always have the full history of the neighborhood. But as the newly elected president, I want to encourage others

to help make Wooten a great place to call our home. Because the answer to what really makes up Wooten Neighborhood is the people who are our neighbors.

So if you are interested in improving traffic flow, safety, beautification, providing a welcome to residents, or help with communication, there is a place that Wooten can use your services. I would love to hear your ideas. Please contact me at president@wootenna.com. If you do not use the computer, I would love to meet you in person, so get a message to me through the Wooten mail address.

As a final note I would like to thank Adam Turner, who served as our president for the past two years, for his service to the neighborhood and kind leadership

by encouraging me to put my name on the ballot to be this year's president.

Boxtops for Wooten Elementary

Help Wooten Elementary School earn cash by clipping "Boxtops for Education" labels from products around your house. More than 265 products have these small coupons, including Kleenex, Chex Mix, Huggies, Avery Office Supplies, soups, cereals, and Ziploc and Hefty bags.

You can drop them off at the school office for the PTA. The fall deadline for submitting boxtops is Oct 24, but you can submit boxtops throughout the school year to submit another batch in the spring. More about Wooten PTA: wootenpta.com.

Best deal in the neighborhood.

Be part of the Wooten Neighborhood Association. Just bring \$5 to the next meeting or mail it to:

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Name/e-mail: _____

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Annual membership period is Oct 1 - Sept 30.

National Night Out

October 5 had many Wooten Neighbors meeting with each other for Texas's October version of National Night Out. Doors were locked, porch lights were turned on and neighbors met up at different driveways.

Four houses posted their gatherings on our Yahoo group:

- Uttara Chokhawala posted information about a wine and cheese/dessert potluck on Kenbridge.
- Joshua and Kelly Merritt and Lydia Ortiz posted information about a gathering on the driveway of the Merritt house at the corner of Pompton and Mullen.
- On Beckett, Elaine and Mark Granoff had a grill going and more little kids than I knew lived in Wooten.
- Janie Riley and the Glenns had refreshments and neighbors from the Teton area.

I was able to attend two groups, and while riding my bike down Burrell saw other neighbor groups gathering on breezeways. I don't know if the police or fire and emergency groups were able to make it to any gatherings, but I heard and saw their sirens as they travelled down Putnam. I hope those who attended felt like they got to know their neighbors just a little bit more and next year I'll remember to bring my camera.

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Connect!

Join your neighbors online to stay informed and discuss topics from crime incidents to new local businesses to garage sales.

- Wooten Neighborhood newsgroup:
groups.yahoo.com/group/wootenna/
Next to our website/blog, this is the fastest way to learn and share info about Wooten.
- Wooten Elementary PTA: wootenpta.com
- Crestview Gardeners:
groups.google.com/group/crestview-gardeners
What's growing and how we grow it in the area.
- Crestview For Sale:
groups.yahoo.com/group/crestview_forsale/
Items for sale, fundraisers and services offered in nearby North Austin neighborhoods.
- Central West police district:
groups.yahoo.com/group/centralwestdr/
APD district and crime information.

Wooten's on Facebook, too

Sandra Shannon has created a Facebook group called Wooten Neighborhood, and it's about ... well, you know. If you're on Facebook, join our neighborhood group and post on the wall at:
facebook.com/group.php?gid=110597812294949

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Safety news

- Home safety was the subject of the Commander's Forum on Oct. 12. Statistics show decreases in most property crimes, but burglary of residences is still happening at about the same rate as last year. Wooten reported three residence burglaries: Exmoor (9-02), Kamar (9-13), and Ohlen (9-29). An attentive neighbor interrupted the Ohlen break-in by yelling at the thieves. Their driver raced away with his truck only partially loaded and without the remaining thieves, who dropped their stuffed pillow cases. She had noticed the suspicious black truck because it was parked in front of her house and had a loud muffler.
- Many surrounding neighborhoods are having great success with Neighborhood Watch Groups. Signs are posted throughout our neighborhood, but making this work takes neighbors to organize with Block Captains. If you are interested in making your section of the neighborhood a little safer, contact Joy Roberts <president@wootenna.com>.
- Dale Ritzen shares this encouraging follow-up to a break-in at his own house in May 2009: *"Take and keep pictures of everything inside and outside of your house that could possibly indicate criminal intent, because the police might not take pictures on the scene. Thanks to pictures we took of each room of our house before any clean-up, we were able to provide a picture of a "dusted" printer with fingerprints clearly showing*

all over it. The Travis County DA's office had one of the guys who had been involved and, with the hard evidence from the picture, hopes to move his charge from a "criminal trespass" misdemeanor to a "burglary of a residence" felony. And he might now be facing a few years behind bars instead of a just fine and short time served."



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